

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention teaches anti-copy protection and control of an underlying anti-copy protection mechanism through anti-copy protection codes inserted into a video program. The anti-copy protection code may be inserted into closed caption (CC) bandwidth. The anti-copy protection codes of the present invention are suitable for use with analog and digital video programs. The present invention contemplates anti-copy protection mechanisms having multiple levels of anti-copy protection. These multiple levels of anti-copy protection may include varying levels of degradation of subsequent copies as well as absolute prohibition of subsequent copying.

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